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Bourne Bridge Phase 3 paving set to begin on Monday morning Nov. 15, continue through Nov. 17

Motorists encouraged to seek alternate routes during 3-day paving

CONCORD, Mass. – Paving operations for Phase 3 on the Bourne Bridge spanning the Cape Cod Canal in Bourne, Mass., are scheduled to start on Monday, Nov. 15 in the morning, weather permitting, and continue through Wednesday, Nov. 17, as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers continues deck repairs and paving of the bridge, according to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District officials.

While travel over the Bourne Bridge is currently restricted to ONE LANE IN EACH DIRECTION, motorists can expect additional delays associated with the planned paving operations through this period. State and local police will be on duty at all times work is being performed to assist the motoring public.

To avoid delays, motorists might want to consider using alternate routes or adjusting travel times during the paving operations. Work will consist of removal of the existing waterproofing and pavement to the bridge deck, and the reinstallation of pavement/waterproofing. These pavement/waterproofing repairs are essential to protecting the underlying steel/concrete grid deck in order to maintain the structural integrity and safety of the bridge.

If bridge work progresses without serious weather delays or construction issues the Corps anticipates completing the Bourne Bridge project in time to fully open the bridge to four-lane traffic for the Thanksgiving Day holiday weekend.

Message boards will keep motorists advised of work efforts. Also, fixed signage will alert motorists to the bridge work and associated travel restrictions. In addition, the Cape Cod Canal website (<http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/recreati/ccn/news/bridgealerts.htm>) will inform motorists of the bridge work. At that site the public can sign up to be notified by email for bridge alert updates.

For more information on Corps projects go to Corps website at: <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil>. Also, the Corps will be using its Facebook site at www.facebook.com/CorpsNewEngland and Twitter site at <http://twitter.com/CorpsNewEngland> to give immediate updates on any changes to the bridge work, as well as its other activities in New England.

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